(b) if so, what steps were taken by government to avoid a Kargil-like situation, involving Pak-troops and military concentration and preparations on the hills across the LOC?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No such report was received by the Army Hqrs. The Government has appointed a 4-Member Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Subramanyam to review the events leading up to the Pakistani aggression in the Kargil district of Ladakh in J and K and to recommed such measures as are considered necessary to safeguard national security against such armed instrusions. The Committee is expected to give its report shortly.

Shortage of Spares for M-17s

798. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fleet of M-17s with the Indian Air Force has been suffering for want of spares;

(b) if so, how many M-17s in use were grounded during recent operations in Kargil, for want of spares;

(c) whether it is also a fact that M-17 shot down in Kargil in May this year, was lost largely for want of certain spares; and

(d) if so, the number of precious lives of officers lost therein?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Number of lives lost in this incident was four.

BSF Intimation about Pak Movement in Kargil

799. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the Indian Express of May 28, 1999 at page 1, the BSF had informed Government that Pakistan backed infiltrators and army regulars had occupied the higher reaches of Kargil as early as January, 1999, but these movements had gone unnoticed by troops till April and the Army brigade was taken unawares; and

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(b) if so, the reasons for not taking prompt action on the BSF reports?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A committee under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Subramanyam has been appointed to review the events leading up to the Pakistani aggression in Kargil and to recommend such measures as are considered necessary to safeguard national security against such armed instrusions. The Committee is expected to give its report shortly.

Revival of NTC Mills

800. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI RAMJI LAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated loss of NTC mills for the year ending 31st March, 1999, subsidiary-wise;

(b) the number of permanent workers including staff, Managerial and other persons in the NTC as on 31st March, 1999, subsidiary-wise;

(c) the details of decisions taken and the work undertaken under revival programme of NTC mills; and

(d) the names of mills revived during the last three years by Government or the National Textile Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The accumulated loss of NTC Group as a whole as on 31.3.99 is Rs. 6336.59 crores. The subsidiary-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-I *(see below).*

(b) subsidiary-wise details on 31st March 1999 are given in the enclosed Statement-II (see below).

(c) and (d) The Government had approved a Turn Around Plan for NTC mills in 1995 which envisaged, *inter-alia,* modernization of 79 mills at a cost of Rs. 2005.72 crores, merger of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills etc. The plan was to be implemented through generation of funds from the sale of surplus land/assets of NTC. Major portion of this land is located in Mumbai. The approval of

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